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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs)

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-25.1/6, 13 June 1963; and Memorandum
for Holders, 9 August 1963
b. USIB-D-25.1/7, 8 July 1963
c. USIB-D-25.1/8, 9 August 1963
d. Item 4, USIB-M-283, 14 August 1963

1. At its 14 August meeting, the United States Intelligence Board (USIB), as recorded in the Minutes (reference d.) approved on 28 August, adopted the following attachments hereto:

Attachment A - DCID No. 1/3, "Priority National Intelligence Objectives"

Attachment B - DCID No. 1/3, "Quarterly Supplement"

2. These attachments supersede DCID No. 1/3, dated 9 January 1963. The attachments hereto are circulated for immediate use of Board Agencies and Committees, pending their reproduction and dissemination in final printed form.

3. The USIB also assigned to the Board of National Estimates (BNE), in coordination with USIB representatives, continuing responsibility for submitting to USIB an annual revision of DCID No. 1/3 and a quarterly supplement similar to the initial one adopted. This assignment is being transmitted to the Chairman, BNE by USIB Action Memorandum No. 63/36.

4. In addition, the USIB requested the USIB committees concerned (EIC, GMAIC, JAEIC, SIC, COMOR, IPC, SIGINT and CCPC) to report to the USIB major modifications in procedures adopted and significant

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changes in actions taken or planned to discharge their responsibilities with respect to the implementation of DCID No. 1/3 pursuant to their respective Charters, as soon as feasible following the issuance of each new DCID and quarterly supplement. To assist in consideration of these reports, it was suggested that USIB designate an appropriate staff organization which would, in consultation with USIB member agencies and the committees concerned:

- (a) Develop instructions for the preparation of the requested committee reports, in order to make them generally comparable and compatible.
- (b) Prepare a covering report to USIB that would facilitate Board action on the committee reports by summarizing, rearranging and highlighting the important material and by making any additional observations for USIB consideration.
- (c) Study and report to USIB as to the advisability of requesting supplementary reports from any of the USIB member agencies, beyond the reports submitted by the committees.

The Board noted that the DCI would make a proposal to USIB as to the "appropriate staff organization" referred to above. The above request is being transmitted by USIB Action Memorandum No. 63/37 to the Chairmen of the USIB committees concerned for information and guidance, pending the designation of the aforementioned staff organization.



Executive Secretary

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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/3¹

PRIORITY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

(Revised 14 August 1963)

FOREWORD

1. Pursuant to NSCID No. 1, paragraph 3, the following list of Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs) is established as a guide for the coordination of intelligence production, and of supporting research and collection activities. This list replaces that contained in DCID No. 1/3, 9 January 1963, which is hereby rescinded.

2. This listing of priority objectives presupposes that the bulk of the intelligence required for the formulation and execution of national security policy will be the product of normal intelligence collection and research pursuant to DCID No. 1/2. The present Directive identifies, for priority treatment, certain specific critical substantive problems within the general body of the intelligence required for policy planning purposes. In this context, "priority" means preferment in the allocation of research and collection resources. Such preferment does not warrant neglect of the general and basic intelligence coverage required by DCID No. 1/2.

¹This Directive supersedes DCID No. 1/3 of 9 January 1963.

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3. The identification of specific critical substantive problems in this Directive is but a first step toward determination of the priority, if any, to be accorded to particular collection requirements by particular systems of collection. Not every bit of information somehow related to a priority problem will be required with equal urgency; some may be procurable by routine means. The identification of priority requirements entails further analysis by research personnel to determine (a) the elements of information essential to the solution of the problem indicated, (b) the elements already available or readily obtainable through research, (c) the additional information obtainable through routine collection, and finally (d) the residual information of such critical importance as to warrant a priority collection effort.

4. Even when a priority collection requirement has been thus established, it does not follow that it should be treated as a matter of priority by every collection agency. A priority requirement appropriate for one system of collection may be of no priority whatever with respect to another, because unsuited to it. Determinations as to which requirements will be accorded priority by particular systems of collection must be made by responsible collection authorities, under the general guidance of the PNIOs, with the regard for operational capabilities and suitabilities.

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5. The present Directive is intended to serve as a stable basis for long-term intelligence planning, with reference to the development of intelligence resources as well as to the allocation of existing resources. It seeks to identify the critical substantive problems likely to persist, or to develop, during the next five years. It will be reviewed and revised annually. It will also be supplemented by a quarterly listing of currently critical or potentially critical situations. This supplement, looking forward for six months or so, will seek to anticipate such emergent changes in the situation as might warrant some shift of emphasis in the employment of research and collection resources.

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